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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. The original deadline for reply to the Office Action was July 27, 2006. The petition fee for a one month extension of time to reply is submitted herewith. Accordingly, it is believed that this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.